

# AG FACTS

• To date, York County Ag Land Preservation Board has preserved 246 farms, covering over 38,000 acres

• York County is 9th in the nation for farmland acreage preserved

• York County is 3rd in Pennsylvania for farmland acreage preserved



## York Conservation Team

Department of Conservation and  
Natural Resources-Bureau of  
Forestry  
(717) 637-1770

Farm and Natural Land Trust  
(717) 843-4411

PA Dept of Farmland Preservation  
(717) 783-3167

Penn State Cooperative Extension  
(717) 840-7408

United State Department of  
Agriculture-Farm Service Agency  
(Formerly ASCS Office)  
(717) 755-2966 ext 2

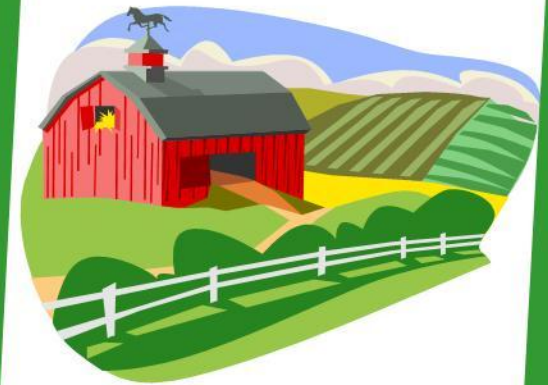
United State Department of  
Agriculture-Natural Resources  
Conservation Services  
(Formerly Soil Conservation Service)  
(717) 755-2966 ext 3

York County Ag Land Preservation  
Board  
(717) 840-7400

York County Conservation District  
(717) 840-7430

York County Planning Commission  
(717) 771-9870

## So You Wish To Buy A Preserved Farm?



### Fact Sheet on Buying a Preserved Farm

York County Ag Land  
Preservation Board  
Program Office  
MON-FRI 8AM - 4:30PM  
(717) 840-7400



## So You Wish to Buy a Farm That Has Been Preserved Through the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board?

It is important that you get all the facts before you buy an "eased farm". Certain rights and privileges of land ownership are no longer present.

You should ask for a copy of the Deed of Agricultural Conservation Easement" which will list all the deed restrictions that affect the farm you are considering.



## Before Considering the Purchase of a Preserved Farm, You Should Know...

**1.** Preserved farms must be used solely for commercial agricultural production. Nonagricultural purposes must be permitted by the YCALPB.

**2.** Preserved farms have a limit of one additional residential structure.

**3.** Preserved farms have strict subdivision guidelines that may exceed the townships subdivision rules.

**4.** Following the sale of a preserved farm, the new deed must contain the original easement restrictions.

**5.** Every preserved farm must be farmed under a soil and water conservation plan. Changes in the land management or operation should be reflected in this conservation plan.

**6.** Owners of farms preserved with multiple deeds must decide which deed will receive the one residential structure right before recording the new farm deeds.

**7.** Certain uses of a preserved farm may be prohibited, so ask the YCALPB before proceeding with non-agricultural activities.



## Definitions

### Agricultural Conservation Easement -

a legal document which forever limits the farm to agricultural uses. The easement prevents the use of the farm for non-agricultural improvements. Non-agricultural activities are no longer permitted unless they remain incidental, part-time or seasonal in use. The use must remain in commercial agricultural production.

### Commercial Agricultural Production -

crops, livestock and livestock products produced for commercial purposes and may be processed and retail marketed under certain conditions.

### Soil and Water Conservation Plan -

a plan that covers the entire farm and ensures the soil, water, vegetative, and nutrient resources on the farm are protected.

